



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 April 2023** Period start date

To **31 March 2024** Period end date

Charity name: **Afro Caribbean Elders Association**

Charity registration number: **1023715**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Afro Caribbean Elders Association (ACEA) aims to provide an outlet within the London Borough of Waltham Forest & surrounding areas, where social welfare interest & educational programmes are pursued with the intention of improving the condition and quality of life for its members.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The club's main activities provided are to help combat social isolation and promote integration for our members. Introducing a place close by for them to attend & make new friends. The club seeks to reach out to those who are left alone through loss, anxiety, physical & mental health issues which do not allow them to enjoy life as they once did.</p> <p>Throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• on a weekly basis, we have dominoes, bingo, raffles, board games, exercise classes and arts & crafts.• on a monthly basis, quiz time, guest speakers, open discussions and health seminars.• for annual events we arrange day trips (park picnics & seaside outings) and an annual residential trip away.• create meetings and togetherness which include birthday parties, Easter & Christmas social gatherings.• engage with professional advisors to promote health and wellbeing for our members.• organise specific programmes to celebrate main cultural events e.g. the Windrush Festival, Black History Month and Women's International Day, social fundraising & family day events. <p>We worked closely in partnership with our</p>

		local authority, The London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF) to provide these community events for our local residents.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning all events and determining how best to utilise funds raised.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. The club could not function without the time and dedication of countless volunteers and we are extremely grateful for their support.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><i>Spring 2023</i> Since coming out of Covid we organised our first fundraising event at the Leyton Great Hall in May. Whilst funds raised were lower than expected it was still a great success and enjoyed by all.</p> <p><i>Summer 2023</i> We had our annual seaside trip to Bournemouth, picnic in the park to Colchester and our 5-day away to Blackpool.</p> <p>For this year we focused on reaching out to our local community and organised specific programmes to celebrate main cultural events throughout the year. In June we worked very closely with LBWF to take part in the Windrush Festival for the local</p>

		<p>community.</p> <p><i>Autumn 2023</i> Again, in partnership with LBWF we organised our Family Day event held in Fellowship Square in the Sept. Followed by our Black History Month event in our local community centre in Oct. In attendance was our then Mayor, LBWF's Head of Connecting Communities and Leader of the council, Grace Williams. The event was open to members and the local community.</p> <p><i>Winter 2024</i> We collaborated on a well-attended health and wellbeing programme in March and also invited guest speakers on health issues e.g. diabetes, Alzheimer' etc. As well as speakers covering arts & crafts and the global Carnival for July.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Whilst no formal objectives are set for any given period, the Trustees are always striving to increase membership. This was achieved this year by lowering the entry age and networking more closely with other organisations within the community.</p> <p>With the support of LBWF in providing these community events for our local residents. The result is the added benefit that the club is slowly increasing its membership by reaching out to those most in need and providing a valuable service.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Total receipts on Unrestricted funds for the year was £29.7k. This includes unrestricted Council Grant of £3.8k.</p> <p>Total expenditure for the year was £32.7k. Our main spends were Activities & Events - £12k, Rental charges - £9.6k</p> <p>The next result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts resulted in £3k deficit.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>No reserves policy in place at present.</p> <p>Cash at bank at 31/03/2024 was £9,7k in unrestricted funds.</p> <p>The funds are held to cover 6 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our main source of funds for the year has been grants, entrance and activity fees from our members.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No long-term liabilities, therefore financial risk is minimal.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 1990 and revised 2000 / 2009
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees step down and then are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in June

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The trustees oversee the day to running of the club. Along with the views of the members in deciding the activities to be run. There is an Adult Safeguarding policy in place. DBS checks are carried out for trustees and on a regular basis, in line with statutory requirements. All other mandatory and in-house management policies are being continuously updated.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Afro Caribbean Elders Association
Other name the charity uses	ACEA
Registered charity number	1023715

Charity's principal address	6-8 Greenleaf Road Walthamstow London E17 6QQ

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

L. Thomside

Full name(s)

Lee Thomside

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Date

12/12/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Afro Caribbean Elders Association

1023715

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1-Apr-23

To

Period end date
31-Mar-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant	3,850	-	-	3,850	3,626
General Events & Activities	14,390	-	-	14,390	12,479
Away Day & Trading	11,005	-	-	11,005	12,345
Membership Contb & donations	500	-	-	500	-
Lottery Money	-	-	-	-	3,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,745	-	-	29,745	31,450
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,745	-	-	29,745	31,450
A3 Payments					
Rent & Hall Charges	9,600	-	-	9,600	9,600
Printing & Stationery	1,060	-	-	1,060	449
Activities & Events	11,987	-	-	11,987	17,048
Fundraising & Transport	4,468	-	-	4,468	1,106
Exercise Instructor	800	-	-	800	1,200
Accountant Fees	300	-	-	300	350
Trustees Training	160	-	-	160	256
Windrush Celebrations	962	-	-	962	-
Black History Month Celebrations	653	-	-	653	382
Family Day Event	610	-	-	610	-
Telephone & Broadband	527	-	-	527	532
Other running Costs	1,610	-	-	1,610	1,861
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,737	-	-	32,737	32,784
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,737	-	-	32,737	32,784
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,993	-	-	- 2,993	- 1,334
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,679	-	-	12,679	14,103
Cash funds this year end	9,687	-	-	9,687	12,769

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	9,687	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,687	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

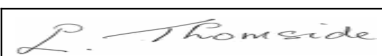
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lee Thomside	19.06.2024

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF AFRO CARIBBEAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION (ACEA)

Re: FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO THE 31st MARCH 2024

I have examined the Receipts and Payments account of Afro Caribbean Elders Association

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts without performing an audit and to report to the Management Committee.

I have carried out the examination which includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity's management committee

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee Members

The Management Committee members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the regulations under section 43 (7) (b) of the charities Act 1993.

They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for preventing and detecting errors, fraud or other irregularities

Independent Examiner's statement.

Based on my examination, **no matter** has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- (1) To keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
- (2) To prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the act have not been met Or to which attention should be drawn

Independent Examiner



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Dated 15th June 2024